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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated March 11, 2005, be extended for three months to and including September 11, 2005.

Enclosed is a check for \$510 for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing attorney docket number 00398-100005.

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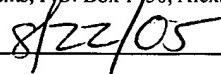
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